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Mrs. Mary Lou Capichioni  
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Re: Hilliard's Creek Site, Gibbsboro, New Jersey  
Site Visit on April 29, 2003

Dear Mrs. Capichioni:

This is a follow-up letter to the voice-mail message I left on your office phone line the evening of May 8, 2003. As I indicated in that voice-mail message during an EPA site visit on the morning of May 8, 2003, I observed that the gate at the Hilliard's Creek Site (Site) had been torn-off the fence line. The gate is located in the area where the Hilliard's Creek Wildlife Refuge walking trail, which prior to the erection of the Site fence, led to the Creek at trail marker number "11". I appreciate that you returned my call that same evening and left me a voice-mail message that The Sherwin-Williams Company (SWC) is seriously concerned about the gate issue and that SWC would be looking into re-evaluating what can be done to keep this Site secure. EPA obviously has the same concern about the re-occurring vandalism of the gate at this Site since the unimpeded access to the site results in a potential contact with the contamination by trespassers. We recommend conduct of SWC taking an interim measure (e.g., temporarily replacing the gate with additional chain link fencing) while SWC re-evaluates the best approach to maintain security at this area of the Site.

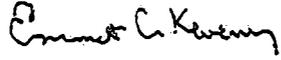
Lastly, as I indicated in my voice-mail message yesterday evening, I observed that the lock on SVE-1 at the Paint Works Corporate Center was left unsecured and that debris was observed inside SVE-1. I appreciate you informing me in your reply voice-mail message that on Friday, May 9, 2003, SWC's contractor, Weston Solutions, Inc. (Weston), would be inspecting the SVE-1 area and re-securing the SVE-1 lock, and that you would follow-up with EPA after receiving an explanation of the SVE1 area conditions, and confirmation from Weston that SVE-1 is re-secured.

I recommend noting in the forthcoming progress report information related to Weston re-securing the open portion of the fence line at the Hilliard's Creek Site and the lock on SVE-1 at the Paint Works Corporate Center.

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If you have any questions on this matter, please call me at (212) 637-3916.

Sincerely,



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Remedial Project Manager

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